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**Cc:** Alice Yeh/R2/USEPA/US@EPA;Elizabeth Butler/R2/USEPA/US@EPA[]; lizabeth Butler/R2/USEPA/US@EPA[]  
**From:** "Mark T. Ungar"  
**Sent:** Thur 4/9/2009 12:34:09 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: Engineering contractors

Dave,

When will the Passaic River project specifications be completed and do you have a bidders list?

I am interested in obtaining the list of interested engineering contractors for this project and the name of the project manager if possible. I will send each company on this list a review of best practices including low cost alternatives. This way, each entity will have the chance to review as a consideration for their proposal.

Thank you for your assistance.

Best regards,

Mark

----- Original Message -----

From: "Mark T. Ungar" <mtungar@verizon.net>

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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2009 12:02 PM

Subject: Re: CDF follow up

> Dave (copy Alice and Elizabeth),

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> Thank you for the reply and update. I also appreciate Alice Yeh and

> Elizabeth Butler's contact information.

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> My interest in this matter is the same as yours..... Environmental

> Stewardship and doing what makes sense.

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> I am acting, not as an advocate, but as an independent agent that wants to

> make sure that all alternatives are considered. If I am able to make you

> aware of alternatives, then I have done my part.

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> Whether we are referring to the Fox River Remediation effort (Tetra Tech),

> or the Upper Hudson (G.E.), or Occidental Chemical (Arcadis) cleanup of

> the Passaic River, it is of utmost concern that we demonstrate best

> practices to manage everyone of these "clean-ups". These projects are

> setting a precedence and one cannot change history. Care must be taken to

> ensure that we not only bring this these issues to the surface publically,

> but spend the money wisely. This way, we are not just passing the

> responsibility along. In my opinion, these projects are being driven by

> engineered lobbyists and the United States is falling behind other part of

> the world as a result. Europe for example, is using innovated techniques

> and process improvements to clean up hazardous and contaminated waterways

> and eliminating the need for future remediation of the dredged material.

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> My experience on this subject was learned while working with Harbor  
> Resource Management as a consultant on their demonstration project for the  
> NY/NJ Harbor Dredged Material Feasibility Study that was conducted in  
> 2005. I have also met with Eric Stern of the EPA to review this  
> information.

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> Based upon the new knowledge and data that is now available on these  
> matters, another review of best practices needs to be considered. The  
> goal is clear, clean-up and not cover-up.

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> Phase One - Geotechnical mapping of area to isolate contamination.  
> Phase Two - Surgical containment and dredging.  
> Phase Three - Separation of contamination and storage, not CDF.  
> Phase Four - Ex-Situ Remediation and stabilization.  
> Phase Five - Beneficial uses of reclaimed soils.

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> I would be happy to disclose more details on this subject if you feel that  
> this would be helpful including; process design, chemistries, alternative  
> containment, storage and beneficial uses.

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> Thank you for your guidance.

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> Mark

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> Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2009 12:14 PM  
> Subject: Re: Lowerpassaic CDF

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>> Hi Mark. In reply to your email below:  
>> - the Passaic team is still working on the final options for the early  
>> action (lower 8-miles) cleanup proposals....we anticipate putting out a  
>> formal proposal for public review and comment this fall  
>> - no, the location and design have not been started or completed  
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>> I am copying Elizabeth Butler (project manager for the removal project)  
>> and Alice Yeh (project manager for the early action) in the event that  
>> you have other technical questions or other information to share with  
>> the agency. Thank you for your interest in the Passaic cleanup.

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 >> Dave,  
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 >> I was in attendance yesterday at the Adventus sponsored Best Practices  
 >> conference in New Brunswick, NJ yesterday. This event reminded me of  
 >> your email this past summer. In the email dated Monday, June 23rd, you  
 >> announced the lower Passaic initiatives and partners. You also stated  
 >> that the EPA is going to oversee all phases to ensure that best  
 >> practices are considered.  
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 >> Two questions.  
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 >> 1.) What are the final options as a result of the FFS?  
 >> 2.) In phase two you stated that lower concentrations of dioxin will be  
 >> placed CDF. Has the design and location been finalized?  
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 >> I am asking as I have alternatives that may be advantageous in both  
 >> aspects. I would be happy to detail my involvement with alternative  
 >> decontamination treatments if you like. I am working closely with a  
 >> partner who has already done a demonstration for the NY/NJ harbor  
 >> project. I also wondered if composite materials have been considered as  
 >> subsurface "storage" for this sediment. As liner material or cut-off in  
 >> lieu of or conjunction with AquaBlok.  
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 >> Thanks for helping me with these questions. I hope that this is  
 >> beneficial.  
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 >> Best regards,  
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 >> Mark Ungar  
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